

8TH ANNUAL BENBROOK HERITAGE FEST “Cowboy Roundup”

October 18, 2014 • 10:00am-4:00pm
Dutch Branch Park, 1899 Winscott Road
Benbrook, Texas



Join us for the 8th annual Heritage Fest celebration! This free-admission, family-friendly, fun-filled day includes games and activities, arts and crafts, great festival food, exhibits, and music.

Enjoy dance and music performances by Sallie's School of Dance, Singer/Songwriter Jade Fores, and the Fort Worth Scottish Pipes and Drums. Stroll the park to visit the Native American Village and the Mexican Village, and watch Sunset Mountain Miniature horse performances.

This year, the festival again includes the popular Pumpkin Patch! Be sure to purchase pumpkins for the fall season, and bring your camera for great photos.

Benbrook's 4PAWS pet adoption organization will be onsite with adoptable dogs, so come prepared to adopt your new pet!

For more information
contact Patty Bissey at
817 249-6087 or
pbissey@benbrook-tx.gov.

[www.benbrook-tx.gov/
heritagefest](http://www.benbrook-tx.gov/heritagefest)

Stop by the petting zoo, enjoy the bounce house, and ride the mini-train around the grounds. Bluegrass band “Salt Creek” will perform at 3:00pm.

Join us in this special heritage celebration of Benbrook, Texas. See you there!

*Benbrook Community Gardens and
the City of Benbrook welcome you to...*

**The Benbrook Community Garden
Ribbon-Cutting/Ground Breaking
Community Event**

**Saturday, October 11, 2014 @ 10:00am
Timber Creek Park, 949 Park Road**

- Sign up for fall garden 'plot specials'
- Door Prizes/Drawings for FREE workshops
- Learn about volunteering
- Refreshments
- Browse “Paint a Picket” artwork



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General Election Information for Benbrook City Council

November 4, 2014 | Benbrook General Election to Fill Two-Year Term

Member of City Council, Place 2
Member of City Council, Place 4
Member of City Council, Place 6

Election Day:
Tuesday, November 4, 2014
7:00am to 7:00pm

Polling places on Election Day are:

Precincts at Site	Election Day Polling Location
1009	Western Hills High School 3600 Boston Avenue Benbrook, Texas 76116
1021	City of Benbrook Municipal Complex 911 Winscott Road Benbrook, Texas 76126
1206	Benbrook Fire Station 528 Mercedes Street Benbrook, Texas 76126
1208 1111 4480	Restoration Family Church 10201 Jerry Dunn Parkway Benbrook, Texas 76126
1339	Fort Worth Country Day School 4200 Country Day Lane Fort Worth, Texas 76109
1337	Western Hills Church of Christ 8800 Chapin Road Fort Worth, Texas 76116
4230	Bethel United Methodist Church 5000 Southwest Boulevard Fort Worth, Texas 76116
4630	Agape Baptist Church 3900 Southwest Boulevard Fort Worth, Texas 76116

Who is permitted to vote in the election?

All persons residing within the city limits of Benbrook who possess an effective and valid Voter Registration Certificate issued by the Tarrant County Election Administrator.

When and where is Early (absentee) Voting?

Early voting by personal appearance will be held at Benbrook Community Center, 228 San Angelo Avenue, Benbrook, Texas, 76126 and the Tarrant County Main Early Voting Site, 2700 Premier Street, Fort Worth, Texas, 76111. Other polling locations are listed on the Tarrant County Election website www.tarrantcounty.com/evote.

October 20-24	Monday-Friday	8:00am – 5:00pm
October 25	Saturday	7:00am – 7:00pm
October 26	Sunday	11:00am – 4:00pm
October 27-31	Monday-Friday	7:00am – 7:00pm

Can ballots be obtained and cast by mail?

Yes, ballots to be cast by mail can be obtained from Frank Phillips, Early Voting Clerk, upon receipt of an application. TO RECEIVE A BALLOT APPLICATION OR MORE INFORMATION CALL TARRANT COUNTY ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATION AT 817-831-8683 OR VISIT THEIR WEBSITE AT www.tarrantcounty.com/elections. Applications for a ballot by mail may be submitted no earlier than September 5, 2014 and not later than close of business on October 17, 2014, if delivered in person, and October 24, 2014, if delivered by mail.

Frank Phillips, Early Voting Clerk • P.O. Box 961011
Fort Worth, TX 76161-0011

What are the requirements to obtain and cast a ballot by mail?

The requirements to be eligible to vote by mail are:

1. Voter is 65 years of age or older on Election Day
2. Voter is disabled
For #1 or #2 the ballot must be mailed to the voter registration residence address/mailed address or to a hospital, nursing home/long-term care facility, retirement center, or address of a relative. The relationship of the relative must be indicated.
3. Voter is confined in jail – ballot must be mailed to the jail or address of a relative.
4. Voter is expected to be absent from the County on Election Day and during hours of regular early voting by personal appearance - applications must be submitted from outside the County if submitted after early voting by personal appearance has begun. BALLOTS MUST BE MAILED TO AN ADDRESS OUTSIDE THE COUNTY. RETURN BALLOTS MUST BE POSTMARKED AND RECEIVED FROM OUTSIDE THE COUNTY

What is the deadline for submitting applications for mail ballots?

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CITY OF BENBROOK BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

The Benbrook City Council is accepting applications from citizens interested in serving on various Boards and Commissions. These positions include:

- Planning and Zoning Commission
- Zoning Board of Adjustment/Appeals Commission
- Parks and Recreation Board
- Benbrook Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors
- Tax Increment Finance Reinvestment Zone No. 1

Appointed members of Boards and Commissions serve a two-year term, and must meet the following qualifications (with exception of TIF Board of Directors):

- ☒ Be a registered voter of the City;
- ☒ Have resided in the City for one year;
- ☒ Continue residency in the City during the term of office;
- ☒ Not hold a public elective office within the State; and
- ☒ Serve without compensation.

Tax Increment Finance Reinvestment Zone No. 1 Board of Directors qualifications:

- ☒ Be a resident of the City or own a business within the City
- ☒ Serve without compensation

Applications and information are available at City Hall, 911 Winscott Road, or at www.benbrook-tx.gov

The application deadline is October 30, 2014.



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Drainage System Maintenance

The City's drainage system is designed to allow for rainwater to drain from streets into inlets, or storm drains, which pipe excess water into area creeks. The system 'channels' excess rainwater away from streets and homes, thus preventing flooding in the community.

Drainage system maintenance is critical in keeping the system functioning properly. It is important that the system is maintained, even in times of drought. **City ordinance prohibits the dumping of dirt, rock, debris, rubbish, brush and tree cuttings, grass clippings, or other material into a creek or drainage channel. Dumping can reduce the capacity of the drainage way, causing flooding when rains occur.**

Not only do yard clippings and leaves wash into channels and cause obstruction, but excess fertilizer and pesticides applied to lawns and gardens can wash into channels and pollute streams. Using these chemicals sparingly helps limit run-off into storm drains and creeks, helping to prevent contamination of water supplies.

To reduce pollution:

1. Use organic mulch;
2. Use natural pest control products instead of chemicals; and
3. Compost or use yard waste as mulch whenever possible

By City Ordinance, yard waste cannot be left in the street or swept into storm drain or streams. The City attempts to remove obstructions from all drainage channels that are within public drainage easements; however, landowners are responsible for keeping the storm drains clear of debris and well maintained. For storm drainage channels located on private property with no drainage easement, property owners are fully responsible for all maintenance. In limited cases with unusual circumstances, the City may be able to assist property owners with clearing channels located on private property.

Debris dumping should be reported to the City Code Compliance Department at 817-249-6078.



Building a Better Benbrook Boulevard

A Message from the Benbrook Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors

Very soon, work to expand a large portion of Benbrook Boulevard/US 377 will begin. Construction starts this month, and we look forward to reaping the rewards of the solid planning, coordination, and partnership we've forged to Build a Better Benbrook Boulevard. The City of Benbrook and the Benbrook Economic Development Corporation (BEDC) Board of Directors are committed to ensuring that Benbrook residents and businesses are informed, engaged, and included in the success of this important project. Our goal is to provide useful, timely information to our community, and encourage continued support of our local businesses during this time of transition. Check with us often for regular traffic updates, timelines, and the latest news on how we can all work toward Building a Better Benbrook Boulevard.



Benbrook Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors

www.benbrookboulevard.com

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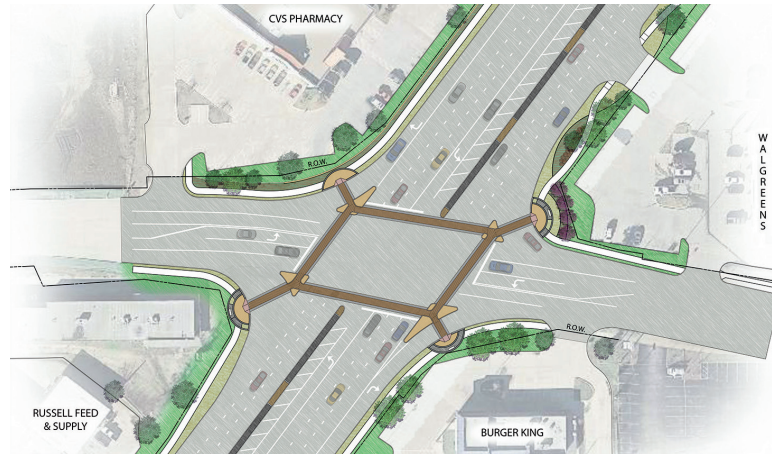


Other TxDOT Projects

Ranch-to-Market Road 2871 is being rebuilt with improved shoulders, new asphalt surfacing, and the addition of turn lanes at various intersections. Reconstruction of the west side of RM 2871 is ongoing. This fall, traffic will shift to the new pavement in order for crews to reconstruct the east side. The project is estimated for completion late this year.

BENBROOK BOULEVARD/US 377

In September, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), in partnership with the City of Benbrook, started the \$19 million reconstruction of Benbrook Boulevard/U.S. 377 in Benbrook from Interstate 20 to Winscott Road/Lakeway Drive. The 1.3-mile project, which will improve mobility and safety, will consist of the widening of Benbrook Boulevard/U.S. 377 from four to six lanes, the addition of raised curb medians with left turn bays, and the installation of curbs and gutters. After construction, the City of Benbrook will beautify the area with additional landscaping.



“Benbrook Boulevard/U.S. 377 is the heart of our City and we are looking forward to the improvements this expansion project will provide us,” said Benbrook Mayor Dr. Jerry Dittrich. “We realize that it will be inconvenient to travel in this area over the next two years, but we hope to minimize issues, congestion and confusion through timely communication. We want our citizens and businesses to thrive, be safe and build a better Benbrook for the future.”

During the majority of construction, two lanes of traffic will be maintained in each direction. Daytime closures and multi-lane closures resulting from traffic switches will occasionally be necessary, but most of the construction will be behind barriers and major intersections will continue to have left turn lanes.

“The reconstruction of Benbrook Boulevard/U.S. 377 will greatly improve safety for motorists and reduce congestion,” said Fort Worth District Engineer Brian Barth. “It will continue to serve as an important thoroughfare in Southwest Tarrant County.”

The project was awarded to Sterling Delaware Holding Company and is **estimated for completion in 2017.**

For up-to-date project information, current road closures and to sign-up for e-mail alerts on construction activity, log on to: www.benbrookboulevard.com

TxDOT appreciates the patience of motorists, and encourages attention to all warning signs within the construction work zone while crews work diligently to complete this project as quickly and as safely as possible. You can see all Texas road conditions by visiting: www.drivetexas.org.

For more information, contact TxDOT Public Information Officer Val Lopez at Val.Lopez@txdot.gov or (817) 370-6630.



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Mark Washburn, Place 6
Ron Sauma, Place 7

Benbrook City Council
meets on the 1st and 3rd
Thursday of each month
at 7:30pm at City Hall
911 Winscott Road.

For more information call
817-249-3000 or visit
www.benbrook-tx.gov

Benbrook Senior Citizen Center News - The **8th Annual Craft Show and Sale** is scheduled for **Friday and Saturday, October 24-25, from 8:00am - 4:00pm** each day. Come support local crafters and browse many beautiful, handcrafted items. Crafts make great gifts!

Benbrook Senior Citizen Center • 1010 Mercedes Street • 817-249-6300

Vendors wanted; please call the Center.

The Benbrook Senior Citizen Center welcomes monetary donations at all events. These funds benefit several community programs, including the Western Hills High School Student Scholarship fund and the Intrepid Fallen Hero fund. Thank you for your support!

2014 National Night Out Event is October 7 - The Benbrook Police and Fire Departments, along with the Benbrook Community Center/YMCA, are giving crime and drugs a going-away party on **Tuesday, October 7, 2014, from 5:00pm – 8:00pm** at the 31st Annual NATIONAL NIGHT OUT Against Crime and Drugs event.

Benbrook's **NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2014** is a **FREE** event that takes place at the Benbrook Community Center/YMCA, 1899 Winscott Road, and includes food, fun, and activities for the entire family.

For more information, or to reserve a booth/ table for the event, contact Benbrook's Crime Prevention Officer Sandy Eubanks at 817-249-6077.